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"BURTON'S BLOOD!"

MORE TALES OF MADDENING MENACE

THE MAN IN BLACK!

ON WITH THE DANCE!

ROCKET TO THE MOON!

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Reducing Specialist Says:

LOSE WEIGHT Where It Shows Most REDUCE MOST ANY PART OF THE BODY WITH

ELECTRIC Spot Reducer

Relaxing · Soothing Penetrating Massage

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THE MAN IN BLACK
YOUR NAME IS IVAN MULOFF AND YOU'RE A COMMUNIST SPY! YOU'RE STANDING ON THE CORNER OF FIFTH AND MAIN, WAITING FOR A MAN IN BLACK TO WALK BY... BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO KILL HIM !!!
A TALE OF MADDENING MENACE!
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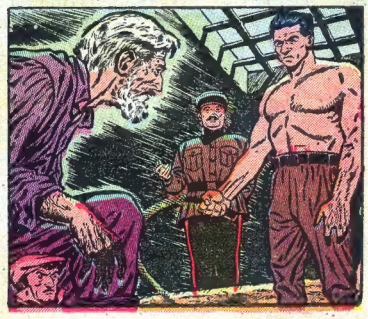
AS YOU STAND AND WAIT, YOUR THOUGHTS GO BACK TO MOSCOW MANY YEARS AGO.

YOU WERE YOUNGER THEN AND WERE ABOUT TO START YOUR TRAINING AS A SOVIET SPY.


YOU CAN STILL REMEMBER THE TERRIFYING MOMENT WHEN THE BULL-WHIP WAS PUT INTO YOUR HAND, AND YOU WERE ORDERED TO WHIP YOUR OWN FATHER.

THAT WAS YOUR FIRST TEST, AND YOU PASSED IT BRILLIANTLY!
IVAN, MY SON, HOW CAN YOU?
AIEEEE!
CRACK!

FOR YOU PROVED THAT COMMUNISM WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN YOUR LOVE FOR A PARENT! YOU WERE BECOMING MORE OF A COMMUNIST.. AND LESS OF A HUMAN BEING...
CRACK

YOU DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH WHEN YOUR FATHER COLLAPSED ON THE FLOOR...

OR WHEN THE SECTION LEADER HANDED YOU THE GUN...
TAKE IT!
DA!

AFTER ALL, IT WAS OVER IN JUST A FEW SECONDS!

AND WHAT WAS THE VALUE OF ONE'S PARENTS..

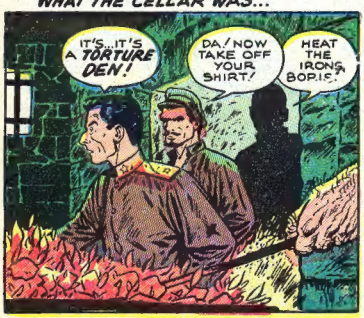
WHEN MEASURED AGAINST THE IDEAS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY?
CONGRATULATIONS, COMRADE MULOFF! YOU ARE ONE OF US NOW!
THIS IS THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE!

AFTER THAT, YOU GRADUALLY ROSE TO IMPORTANCE IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY. FIRST YOU SPENT LONG, HARD HOURS LEARNING HOW TO LIE, CHEAT, AND BETRAY...

YOU BLOW YOURSELF UP AND ALL THE CAPITALISTIC OFFICERS WHO ARE NEAR YOU WHEN YOU'RE CAPTURED!
BUT, COMRADE INSTRUCTOR, ISN'T A WHITE FLAG A PROMISE, NOT TO HARM YOUR ENEMY DURING A CONFERENCE?

A PROMISE?? YOU WANT TO BE A COMMUNIST SPY AND YET YOU TALK OF PROMISES??
TAKE HIM TO THE CELLAR AND GIVE HIM A NEW LESSON ON THE SUBJECT OF COMMUNISM!

YOU WERE GLAD TO FOLLOW THE GUARDS TO THE CELLAR... EAGER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COMMUNISM UNTIL YOU SAW *WHAT THE CELLAR WAS...*



AND IN 30 SECONDS YOU LEARNED A LESSON YOU NEVER FORGOT... THE ONLY GOOD COMMUNIST IS A LYING, BRUTAL, HEARTLESS COMMUNIST./

NO, IVAN, YOU NEVER *DARED* FORGET THAT DID YOU?

LET HIM LIE THERE! WHEN HE RECOVERS, HE'LL COME UPSTAIRS BY HIMSELF!

FOR ALL THE THINGS YOU LEARNED HELPED TO MAKE YOU TOUGHER, STRONGER AND MORE BESTIAL!

AND THEN, FINALLY, YOU GOT YOUR FIRST POSITION OF AUTHORITY... A SECURITY GUARD IN A SIBERIAN LABOR CAMP!

IVAN MULOFF FROM MOSCOW REPORTING FOR DUTY, COMRADE!

DA! YOU START WORK AT ONCE IN COMPOUND NUMBER FOUR!

IT DIDN'T MATTER TO YOU THAT IT WAS FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, AND THE TEMPERATURE WAS BELOW FREEZING! AFTER ALL, YOU WEREN'T DEALING WITH *MEN*... ONLY WITH ENEMIES OF THE SOVIET.

ON YOUR FEET, DOGS! I AM HOLDING A SURPRISE INSPECTION! EVERYONE *UP!*

TO SHOW THEM WHO WAS BOSS, YOU ORDERED THEM *OUTSIDE* FOR INSPECTION WITHOUT GIVING THEM TIME TO PUT ON THEIR COATS...

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU, PIG? WHY DO YOU SHIVER?

I-I'M COLD, COMRADE!

COLD ARE YOU? *HERE'S* SOMETHING TO WARM YOUR BLOOD!

POW!

YES, YOU WERE A GREAT SUCCESS AS A SIBERIAN LABOR GUARD, *SO* GREAT A SUCCESS THAT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED PRISONERS DIED OF EXPOSURE AND STARVATION WHILE YOU WERE THERE...

WE WILL NEED A NEW BURIAL GROUND IF ANY MORE PRISONERS DIE, COMRADE!

FOOL! WHY WASTE GOOD LAND ON THESE SCUM? WE'LL THROW ALL THE NEW CORPSES TO THE WOLVES!

BUT THE COMMUNIST PARTY SOON FOUND NEW DUTIES FOR A MAN OF YOUR TALENTS, AND ONE DAY IN THE KREMLIN...

IVAN MULOFF, I AM SENDING YOU TO AMERICA...ON A MISSION OF SUPREME IMPORTANCE!

TO AMERICA!? THAT HOTBED OF CAPITALISM?

IN AMERICA WE HAVE ANOTHER AGENT WHO WILL BE KNOWN TO YOU ONLY AS AGENT X. HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO STEAL THE PLANS FOR AMERICA'S ATOMIC WEAPONS FROM THAT NATION'S SCIENTISTS!

IT WILL BE YOUR JOB TO HELP AGENT X. YOU ARE TO STEAL THE PLANS FOR AMERICA'S ATOMIC-POWERED SUBMARINE!

BUT HOW CAN I HELP AGENT X IF I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS? HOW WILL I FIND HIM?

DON'T WORRY! HE'LL FIND YOU! YOU WILL LEAVE TONIGHT FOR AMERICA!

AND YOU ARE TO BE BACK IN THE KREMLIN WITH THE PLANS IN SIX MONTHS OR ELSE YOU DIE!

YOU WERE FURNISHED A FORGED PASSPORT, A LIST OF COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS, ADDRESSES OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS, A REVOLVER, A PICTURE OF STALIN AND OTHER VITAL EQUIPMENT...AND THEN SENT ON YOUR WAY BY PLANE...

WHEN DO WE LAND IN AMERICA, COMRADE?

WE DON'T!

YOU JUMP OUT IN THREE MINUTES!

THREE MINUTES LATER, YOU BAILED OUT FORTY MILES FROM THE COAST OF NEW YORK...

A WAITING SUBMARINE SPOTTED YOU AND PICKED YOU UP...

AND DEPOSITED YOU IN A SMALL ROW BOAT ON A DESERTED BEACH OF LONG ISLAND...

AND ALL YOUR YEARS OF TRAINING REACHED THEIR CLIMAX! THIS WAS YOUR BIG CHANCE!

IN AMERICA, YOU CALLED ON OTHER RED AGENTS, LEARNING ALL YOU COULD ABOUT THE AMERICAN ATOMIC SCIENTISTS. THERE WAS ONLY *ONE* THING YOU *COULDN'T* FIND OUT ABOUT...

TELL ME, COMRADE, WHO IS AGENT X?
OUR LEADER
NOBODY KNOWS, COMRADE! FEW HAVE EVER SEEN HIM, AND THOSE WHO SAW HIM WON'T TALK ABOUT HIM!

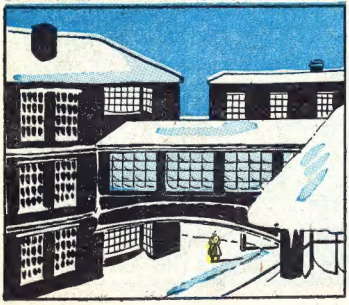
AFTER MONTHS OF SPYING AND FERRETING OUT INFORMATION, YOU LEARNED THAT PROFESSOR OCHNIG WORKED ON THE ATOMIC-POWERED SUBMARINE PLANS, AND WAS IN THE HABIT OF CARRYING NOTES HOME NIGHTS...

YOU TRAILED HIM NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, LEARNING HIS HABITS! IT WAS EASY TO KEEP TRACK OF HIM, BECAUSE HE DRESSED ALL IN BLACK!

THE CAPITALIST SWINE DRESSES AS IF HE IS PLANNING TO GO TO HIS OWN FUNERAL... AND HE SOON *WILL!*
THE USUAL ORDER, PROFESSOR?
YES, THANK YOU!

AND, FINALLY, BY A GREAT STROKE OF LUCK, YOU LEARNED THAT *TODAY*, PROFESSOR OCHNIG WOULD BE BRINGING BACK THE PLANS YOU HAD TO STEAL... BRINGING THEM HOME TO STUDY THEM! YOUR NEXT MOVE WAS SIMPLE...

AND SO HERE YOU ARE WAITING... WAITING FOR A MAN IN BLACK TO WALK BY.. BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO KILL HIM! YOU WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE THE GRAND ORDER OF STALIN WHEN YOU RETURN TO MOSCOW...



AND THEN THE MAN IN BLACK WALKS BY...

AND YOU STRIKE...

BUT AS YOU TRY TO SEIZE THE BRIEFCASE... YOU NOTICE SOMETHING FOR THE FIRST TIME! IT IS FASTENED TO HIS WRIST BY A SMALL CHAIN...
A CHAIN TOO STRONG FOR ME TO BREAK!
AND BEFORE YOU CAN OPEN THE BRIEFCASE TO GET THE PAPERS OUT, YOU HEAR...
PAT, LOOK! A MUGGER!
WHEEEE
YOU DON'T WASTE A MINUTE! YOU TURN AND RUN!
STOP! STOP!
WE'LL BE LUCKY TO CATCH HIM IN THIS FOG!
THE NEXT DAY YOU'RE BACK ON A RED SUBMARINE...
DOWN!
AND A WEEK LATER YOU'RE MAKING YOUR REPORT TO THE KREMLIN...
I DIDN'T GET THE PLANS, BUT I KILLED AN AMERICAN SCIENTIST, OTTO OCHNIG! HIS LOSS WILL BE A GREAT SETBACK TO AMERICAN ATOMIC ADVANCEMENT...
YOU FAILED, COMRADE! YOU FAILED!
BUT IT WASN'T MY FAULT! WHERE WAS AGENT X? WHY DIDN'T HE FIND ME AND HELP ME THE WAY HE WAS SUPPOSED TO?
GUARDS, TAKE HIM TO THE TORTURE DUNGEON! MAKE SURE HE LASTS FOR DAYS BEFORE YOU KILL HIM!
YOU'RE FILLED WITH UNSPEAKABLE TERROR AS YOU'RE LED TO THE DREADED DUNGEON BELOW... THE FINAL DESTINATION OF ALL COMMUNIST AGENTS WHO FAIL! YET YOU STILL HOPE FOR MERCY...
BUT I KILLED AN AMERICAN SCIENTIST! ISN'T THAT IN MY FAVOR? IT'S MORE THAN AGENT X DID!
YOU FOOL! YOU STUPID, UNTHINKING FOOL!
BEGIN THE TORTURE!
AND WITH THE NEXT WORDS YOU HEAR, YOU KNOW YOU'LL RECEIVE NO MERCY. ONLY THE MOST FIENDISH TORTURE MORTAL MAN CAN DEVISE.
PROFESSOR OTTO OCHNIG WAS AGENT X!
THE END
DON'T MISS NEXT MONTH'S MENACE... FEATURING "WEREWOLF"!

FAIR EXCHANGE

BART FARRINGTON paced his cell angrily and thought about the past. The memory was not pleasant. It was filled with all of his old impotent rage against the unfairness of life, all his familiar misery and frustration at having to scrape and scrounge to get by while the idle, pampered rich lived off the fat of the land. It was filled, too, with humiliation and bitterness at his own recent mistakes. But at least it was better than thinking about the future, which was completely horrible and frightening.

It was a horrible future and a short one. On the following morning, in keeping with the sentence that had been pronounced by Judge Whittaker, he would be marched from his cell and hanged by the neck until he was dead.

The crime was murder. It had been a murder Bart Farrington considered perfectly justified, but that did him no good now, he reflected sadly as he reached the cell wall, spun on his heel, and paced back in the opposite direction again. He had taken the life of an old man who would have died soon anyway. Furthermore, old Farley Bates had been sick and in pain—he was better off dead. And what was most important of all to Farrington, Bates had been a millionaire who had preyed like a vulture on the tiny salaries and drudging labor of people too poor, weak and frightened to fight back.

No, Farrington didn't regret his action in the least. All he regretted was having gotten caught. He had planned the crime for years, had gotten the job as Bates' butler in order to accomplish it. For years he had catered to the old man's slightest whim, waiting on him hand and foot, making himself the perfect servant. He had not dared to make the final move until he was sure old Bates had changed his will, finally cutting off his ne'er-do-well nephew—the only living relative he had—and leaving everything to his "faithful butler," Bart Farrington.

The irony was perfect. Nobody ever visited old man Bates. He had even thrown the last of a long line of doctors out long ago with loud vituperation; thus there was no chance that Farrington's movements would be interrupted by anyone, and every chance that Bates might have a heart attack. Farrington had planned his actions well, and had succeeded easily in smothering the old man. Bates' feeble struggles had just died, in fact, when in walked the one other man who would ever desire to enter that house—and Farrington was caught red-handed.

He had honestly never expected to see Greg Bates, the ne'er-do-well nephew, again. He had often had conversations with Greg out of the old man's presence, conversations in which he listened to Greg's weariness and boredom with the world. At these times, Farrington had smiled secretly to himself. In some ways, he agreed with Greg; they both thought that the world was a miserable place and life was scarcely worth living. But Farrington knew that if Greg had only planned more wisely, acted more sensibly and patiently, the old man would have put up with him, let him live on in the house and given him an allowance on which he could have lived in luxury. Then, when old Bates died, Greg would have inherited the fortune. But, partly through Farrington's prodding but mostly of his own accord, Greg had continued his mad escapades until his uncle ordered him to leave the house and never return.

Some serious trouble, obviously, had forced Greg at last to return to beg for forgiveness and a helping hand. He had walked in just in time to catch Farrington in the act of murder, to overcome him and tie him up and call the police.

Farrington ceased his pacing and looked grimly at the wall of the cell. The jail was an old one, built early in the last century, never changed or rebuilt because this small, peaceful town had so few prisoners. The cell was practically a dungeon, the walls cold and slimy, reflecting Farrington's bleak mood as he thought again of the hangman's noose that would settle around his neck the next

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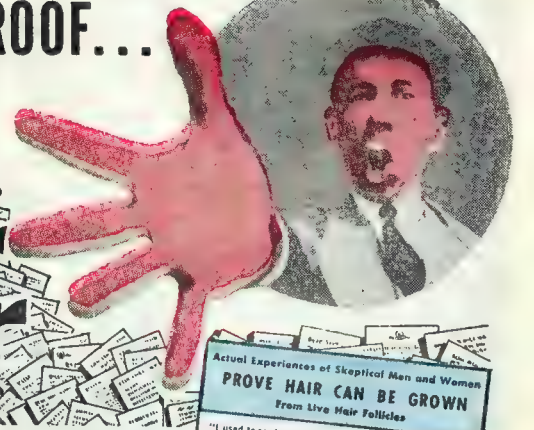
HERE'S PROOF...

How This Amazing New Scientific Formula Called *Comate* May Help You

Save Your Hair



If you are troubled by thinning hair, dry itchy scalp, dandruff, if you fear approaching baldness – here is GOOD NEWS!

Now available to you is the amazing new Comate Medicinal Formula, developed after years of painstaking research. Comate effectively controls seborrhea – the scalp disease now believed by many leading doctors to be the most common cause of hair loss and eventual baldness. These doctors declare that three types of dangerous scalp organisms are the cause of this scalp disease: staphylococcus albus, pityrosporum ovale, and corynebacterium acnes.

First, Comate was put to a series of rigid tests on cultures of these hair-destroying bacteria. HERE ARE THE STARTLING RESULTS!

PROOF 1

Comate Medicinal Formula killed the three test cultures—staphylococcus albus, pityrosporum ovale, corynebacterium acnes – in *60 seconds!* Report #8099, June 17, 1950, by a leading independent testing laboratory.

(Complete report on file, copy on request)

Our research chemists were still not satisfied. Yet, Comate had proved itself in the test tube, but would Comate work as well on the human hair and scalp? And so another – a second – series of experiments was prescribed, to test Comate on the hair and scalps of men and women. Here is the remarkable performance of Comate when applied *directly to the human scalp.*

PROOF 2

Comate Medicinal Formula, applied directly to scalps of men and women, killed 88.4% of *all* scalp bacteria, after 15 minutes application. Report #26635, December 14, 1950, by a leading independent testing laboratory.

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After this proof of success both in the laboratory and on the scalps of men and women, Comate was put to the third test – the toughest of them all. Comate was sold by the thousands on a DOUBLE MONEY BACK GUARANTEE in a number of typical American areas. In 3 short months we have learned that our work and faith in Comate have been vindicated.

PROOF 3

Letters of gratitude hailing Comate have poured into our offices. By word-of-mouth the amazing results with Comate have been told far more effectively than we could in this advertisement. And only 1.9% of Comate users have asked for and received double their money back. Imagine! 98.1% of our customers were delighted with the sensational results from Comate Formula. Report July 27, 1951, by Certified Public Accountant.

DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

Read the PROOF from the laboratory tests – the PROOF from the scalp tests – the PROOF in the letters of gratitude from happy men and women who have found Comate the answer to their scalp troubles.

Comate must accomplish for you what it has for thousands of men and women. You must be completely satisfied, or DOUBLE YOUR MONEY will be returned to you. We take all the risk.

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Actual Experiences of Skeptical Men and Women

PROVE HAIR CAN BE GROWN

From Live Hair Follicles

"I used to comb out a handful of hair at a time. Now I only get 4-6 on my comb. The terrible itching has stopped."
—L. H. M., Los Angeles, Cal.

"My hair has quit falling out and getting thin."
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"My husband has tried many treatments and spent a great deal of money on his scalp. Nothing helped until he started using your formula."
—Mrs. R. Leo, Piqua, Ohio

"Used it twice and my hair has already stopped falling."
—R. H., Corona, Cal.

"Comate is successful in every way you mention. Used it only a few days and can see the big change in my scalp and hair."
—C. E. H., N. Richland, Wash.

"My hair was thin at the temples, and all over. Now it looks so much thicker, I can tell it."
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"I've used a good many different 'tonics.' But until I tried Comate, I had no results. Now I'm rid of dandruff, and itchy scalp. My hair looks thicker."
—G. E., Alberta, Canada

"My hair has improved. It used to fall out by handfuls. Comate stopped it from falling out."
—D. M. H., Oklahoma City, Okla.

"Now my hair looks quite thick."
—F. J. K., Chicago, Ill.

"My hair had been coming out and breaking off for about 21 years and Comate has improved it so much."
—Mrs. J. E., Lisbon, Ga.

"No trouble with dandruff since I started using it."
—L. W. W., Galveston, Tex.

"It really has improved my hair in one week, and I know what the result will be in three more. I am so happy over it, I had to write."
—Mrs. H. J., McComb, Miss.

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☐ Enclosed find $5.00, Send postpaid. (Check, cash, money order.)
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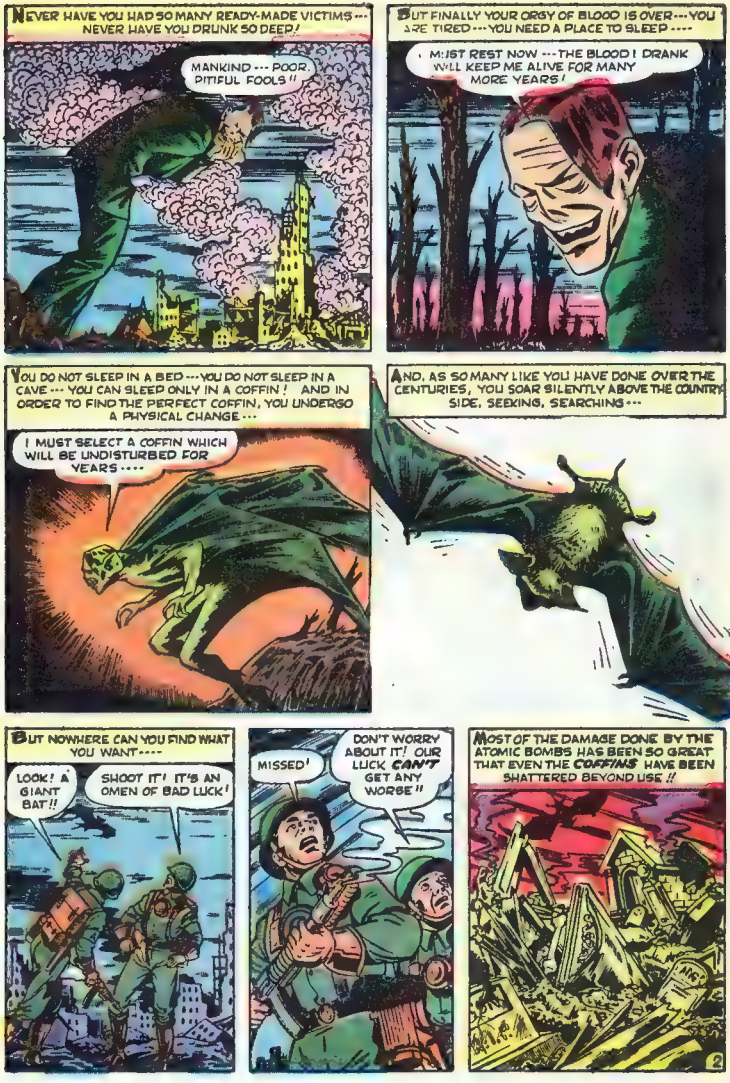
BURTON'S BLOOD!
IT'S THE YEAR 1998 - AND THE WORLD'S WORST ATOMIC WAR IS IN PROGRESS!!! NATIONS ARE BEING DESTROYED, POPULATIONS ARE BEING WIPED OUT, MILLIONS ARE DEAD OR DYING ----
---BUT YOU, JOHN BURTON, YOU WATCH ALL THIS, AND LAUGH! IT'S THE HAPPIEST EVENT OF YOUR STRANGE LIFE !!!
A TALE OF MADDENING MENACE!
DEAD--- THEY'RE ALL DEAD!!! HA, HA, HA!
by Stan Lee
YOU PAUSE NEAR THE BODIES WHICH ARE STILL WARM ---- YOUR SPINE TINGLES PLEASANTLY ---- YOU KNEEL DOWN!
FOR YOU, JOHN BURTON, ARE A VAMPIRE!!


NEVER HAVE YOU HAD SO MANY READY-MADE VICTIMS··· NEVER HAVE YOU DRUNK SO DEEP!
MANKIND··· POOR, PITIFUL FOOLS!!
BUT FINALLY YOUR ORGY OF BLOOD IS OVER··· YOU ARE TIRED··· YOU NEED A PLACE TO SLEEP····
MUST REST NOW··· THE BLOOD I DRANK WILL KEEP ME ALIVE FOR MANY MORE YEARS!
YOU DO NOT SLEEP IN A BED··· YOU DO NOT SLEEP IN A CAVE··· YOU CAN SLEEP ONLY IN A COFFIN! AND IN ORDER TO FIND THE PERFECT COFFIN, YOU UNDERGO A PHYSICAL CHANGE···
I MUST SELECT A COFFIN WHICH WILL BE UNDISTURBED FOR YEARS····
AND, AS SO MANY LIKE YOU HAVE DONE OVER THE CENTURIES, YOU SOAR SILENTLY ABOVE THE COUNTRY SIDE, SEEKING, SEARCHING···
BUT NOWHERE CAN YOU FIND WHAT YOU WANT····
LOOK! A GIANT BAT!!
SHOOT IT! IT'S AN OMEN OF BAD LUCK!
MISSED!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! OUR LUCK CAN'T GET ANY WORSE!!
MOST OF THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE ATOMIC BOMBS HAS BEEN SO GREAT THAT EVEN THE COFFINS HAVE BEEN SHATTERED BEYOND USE!!
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BUT EVENTUALLY YOU FIND JUST THE RIGHT PLACE! YOU GLIDE SILENTLY DOWN TO IT---
---AND, QUICKLY, YOU CHANGE BACK TO YOUR HUMAN FORM!
THEN YOU ENTER THE BRAND-NEW,OPEN CRYPT WHICH YOU SPOTTED FROM ABOVE! THE BOMB MUST HAVE KILLED THE BURIAL PARTY BEFORE THE CRYPT OR COFFIN COULD BE USED!!
THIS IS PERFECT! AN UNUSED COFFIN IN A PRIVATE CRYPT!
YOU CLOSE THE DOOR SOUNDLESSLY, AFTER FIRST DESTROYING THE LOCK, SO YOU WON'T BE LOCKED IN!
I SHALL SLEEP NOW FOR MANY YEARS--- IN COMFORT AND QUIET!
THEN YOU LIE DOWN IN THE COFFIN---THE ONLY PROPER PLACE FOR ONE OF THE UNDEAD!
IF I'M LUCKY, THERE'LL BE A NEW WAR WHEN I AWAKE!
AND SOON YOU ARE ASLEEP, SLEEPING THE DEEP, TORTURED SLEEP OF THE ETERNALLY DAMNED!!
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MY CHANCE AT LAST!
YOU CALL TO HIM IN A DEEP, TERRIFYING TONE ---
WAIT!!!
HUH?
---AND THEN --- YOU POUNCE!
GOT YOU!
UGH!!!
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HE'S SURPRISINGLY STRONG FOR SO FAT A MAN --- AND HE HURLS YOU FROM HIM WITH A SWEEP OF HIS ARM!
LET GO OF ME!
OOOF!!!
BUT YOU PICK YOURSELF UP QUICKLY --- HE HASN'T EVEN RUN AWAY! GOOD! YOU'LL GET HIM THIS TIME!!
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DIE --- HUMAN!!!
BUT YOUR FANGS DON'T PENETRATE HIS FAT, THICK SKIN!!!
YOU FOOL! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN ALL THESE YEARS???
--- DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THE HUMAN RACE KILLED ITSELF OFF GENERATIONS AGO?!!?
--- AND ONLY WE ROBOTS ARE LEFT!!
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morning. Involuntarily, he shuddered.

There was no hope. The trial had been brief, the evidence conclusive, the verdict final. Unable to control the tensions that jerked at his muscles and the cold chills that wrapped his spine, Farrington moaned aloud. Grief turned suddenly into anger again, and he closed his eyes, leaned his forehead against the damp bricks, and pounded futilely on the wall with fists that were already bruised and battered.

In its turn, the rage subsided. Farrington opened his eyes but continued to lean there, filled with infinite weariness. Something black and ragged seemed to be swimming before his eyes. It took him several seconds to realize that it was an inscription, an inscription that appeared to be written in blood and as old as the ancient stones themselves.

Some prisoner must have put it there years before in this dark unnoticed corner. No one had ever bothered to clean it off, and it had become covered with the grime of decades until it was almost invisible. Farrington stared at it, oddly fascinated. The words were in a foreign tongue that was completely unknown to him, but he felt an overwhelming impulse to puzzle them out, to speak them aloud.

He did so, stumbling over awkward, unfamiliar syllables and squinting to make out the blurred letters.

There was a blinding flash and a deafening crash. Smoke swirled through the cell, smoke that reeked of the acrid odor of sulphur.

Bart Farrington whirled. He was filled for an agonized moment with the conviction that he was dead already, but that feeling vanished instantly. He was too clever and realistic a man to indulge in such fantasies as that. And the creature that faced him was undoubtedly real, not just a figment of his tortured imagination.

Nevertheless, the sight of the thing brought perspiration to his brow and a queasy feeling to his stomach. Black smoke in which small flames danced kept boiling up around it, so it was hard to make out details. But from what he could see, the

thing looked exactly like all the pictures he'd ever seen of the demons of Hades.

A gutteral, croaking voice came from within the smoke. "What is your wish?" it said.

"W-wish?" Farrington stuttered. He found it hard to control his physical reactions, although his brain was working at top speed.

"Your wish," the thing repeated. "You have summoned me. I will obey any one command. What will it be?"

Farrington's mind raced. Here was his means of escape, his freedom, his — just how good could he make this, now? If he phrased it just right . . ."

The smoke boiled furiously and the flames flickered even more angrily. The voice rose a notch in pitch. "Hurry!" it said. "State your wish! I will grant it, but I must return to my home immediately!"

Farrington had the answer. Wishing for riches was no good while he was in jail, and just wishing for escape was no good because the police might always catch up with him again. But if he could take the place of someone on the outside, someone who already had wealth and power . . .

"I want my mind and consciousness to be transported into another body," said Bart Farrington. "I want the body of Greg Bates, the young millionaire, for my own—and he can have mine!"

The smoke began to coil in upon itself, greasily. The voice of the demon came as if from a great distance, saying, "It is done."

There was a sickening wrench, and a moment of complete disembodiment. Then Bart Farrington felt himself choking and gasping for air. There was a painful constriction around his throat, and bright lights danced madly before his eyes. He felt the life leaving his body in a mad rush.

And for an instant before the end, he realized what had happened. The demon had granted his wish, exactly as stated. And he had entered the body of Greg Bates, just as that chronically unhappy young man was committing suicide by hanging himself!

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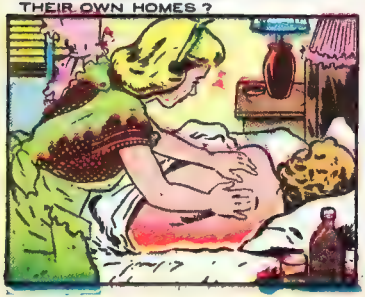

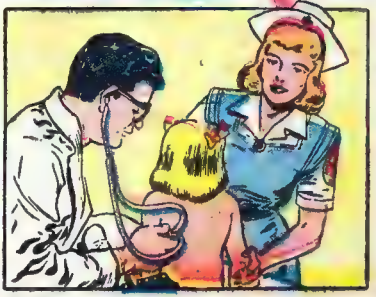

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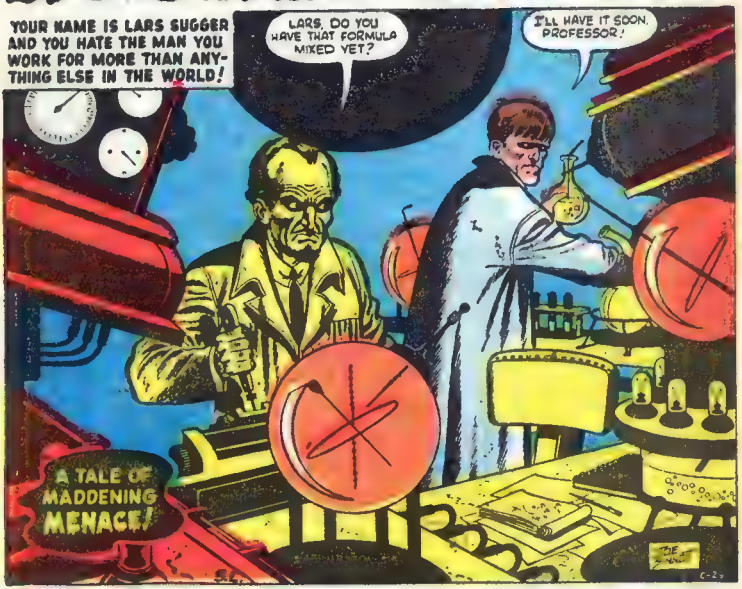
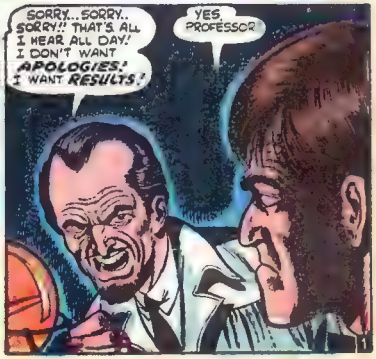
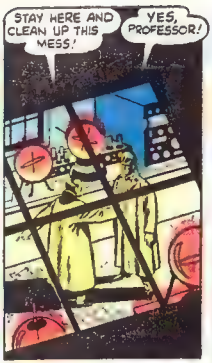
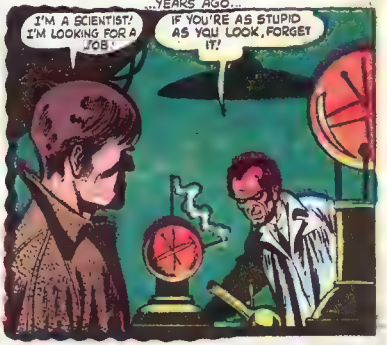

YOUR NAME IS LARS SUGGER AND YOU HATE THE MAN YOU WORK FOR MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD!
LARS, DO YOU HAVE THAT FORMULA MIXED YET?
I'LL HAVE IT SOON, PROFESSOR!
A TALE OF MADDENING MENACE!





YOU DON'T TRUST YOURSELF TO MOVE FOR A MINUTE OR TWO! YOU'RE SO MADDENED THAT YOU MIGHT FOLLOW AND KILL THE PROFESSOR! SO YOU SIT...AND SEETHE...

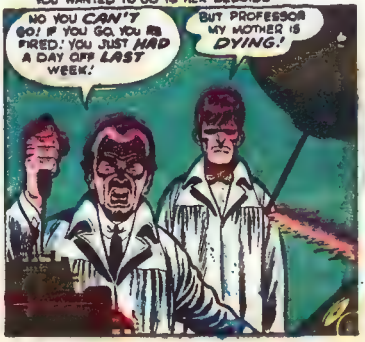
YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST MEETING WITH THE PROFESSOR ...YEARS AGO...



HE HIRED YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO WOULD WORK FOR SUCH SMALL WAGES. BUT HE NEVER STOPPED RIDICULING YOU.

YOU STUPID, ASININE, IDIOTIC DOLT! YOU'VE JUST BROKEN A GLASS. NOT VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU, NO DOUBT...BUT I'M DEDUCTING IT FROM YOUR PAY!
CRASH!

YOU REMEMBER THE TIME YOUR MOTHER WAS ILL AND YOU WANTED TO GO TO HER BEDSIDE

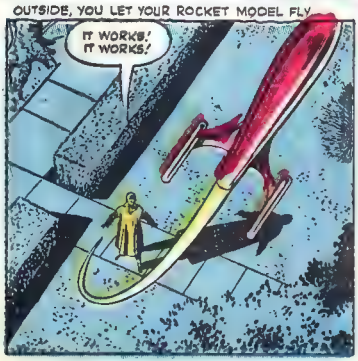


IF THAT'S THE CASE, STAY HERE! THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO FOR HER! NOW GET TO WORK!
YES, PROFESSOR...

THE PROFESSOR FINALLY LET YOU GO, TWO DAYS LATER, TO ATTEND YOUR MOTHER'S FUNERAL!
REMEMBER... I'M DOCKING THIS DAY'S WAGES FROM YOUR SALARY!
AND IF YOU COME BACK LATE, I'LL DOCK YOU FOR THAT, TOO!

AND AS YOU SAW THE DIRT BEING THROWN ON THE GRAVE, YOU MADE A SACRED VOW!
HE'LL BE SORRY, MOTHER! I SWEAR IT! HE'LL BE SORRY!

AND NOW, AS YOU SIT ALONE IN HIS LAB, YOU KNOW YOU HAVE YOUR BIG CHANCE!
MY ROCKET! THE MODEL IS ALL COMPLETE! I JUST NEED ONE TEST!


OUTSIDE, YOU LET YOUR ROCKET MODEL FLY...
IT WORKS! IT WORKS!

THE REST IS HISTORY! THE NEWSPAPERS CARRY THE ENTIRE STORY THE NEXT DAY...
WORLD
LAB ASSISTANT BUILDS ROCKET WHICH CAN CARRY MAN TO THE MOON!
IT WORKS SAY XPERTS
LARS SUGGER
GOVERNMENT TO FINANCE BUILDING OF ROCKET!

AND, ONE YEAR LATER, THE ROCKET IS COMPLETED! AND AGAIN, THE PAPERS CARRY ALL THE STORIES.

ROCKET COMPLETED

LARS SUGGER TO BE FIRST MAN TO FLY TO MOON

AND ONE MAN HAPPENS TO SEE THAT HEADLINE WHILE HE'S WALKING HOME FROM HIS LAB ONE NIGHT...

GOOD LORD! LARS SUGGER! I DIDN'T KNOW *WHAT* HE WAS DOING!

I THINK I OUGHT TO JUST LOOK INTO THIS.

EAT

FINALLY, THE BIG DAY ARRIVES! AS YOU WAIT AT THE SPACE-PORT, A FAMILIAR FIGURE APPROACHES YOU...

LARS! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU!

SKIP THE FORMALITIES! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I WANT TO BE THE MAN TO GO UP IN THAT ROCKET, NOT *YOU!*

FORGET IT, PROFESSOR! THIS IS ONE TIME YOU CAN'T HOG ALL THE GLORY... *I'M* THE ONE WHO'LL BE FAMOUS AS THE FIRST MAN TO SET FOOT ON THE MOON!

NO! I *MUST* HAVE THAT HONOR... EVEN IF I HAVE TO *KILL* FOR IT!

DON'T BE A FOOL! SHOOTING ME WILL GET YOU NOWHERE!

THEN, THE WORLD EXPLODES AROUND YOUR HEAD AS YOU'RE HIT WITH A GUN BUTT!

WHEN YOU COME TO, THE ROCKET IS JUST BLASTING OFF...
WRRRRR
HOW DID HE GET INTO THE ROCKET? I WAS SUPPOSED TO FLY IT?
HE HAD A GUN! HE RACED UP AND SHOT A GUARD! THEN HE WAS IN IT AND AWAY BEFORE WE COULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
WHO WAS HE? DO YOU KNOW HIS NAME?
NO? BUT HE SAID THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD KNOW IT WHEN HE RETURNED!
THE FOOL! HE'LL NEVER RETURN! HE DIDN'T KNOW WHY I HAD VOLUNTEERED TO PILOT THE ROCKET!
I GUESS HE DIDN'T!
HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT IT'S A ONE-WAY ROCKET! HE'LL BE STRANDED ON THE MOON FOREVER!
AND THEN YOU TURN AND WALK BACK TO YOUR WAITING
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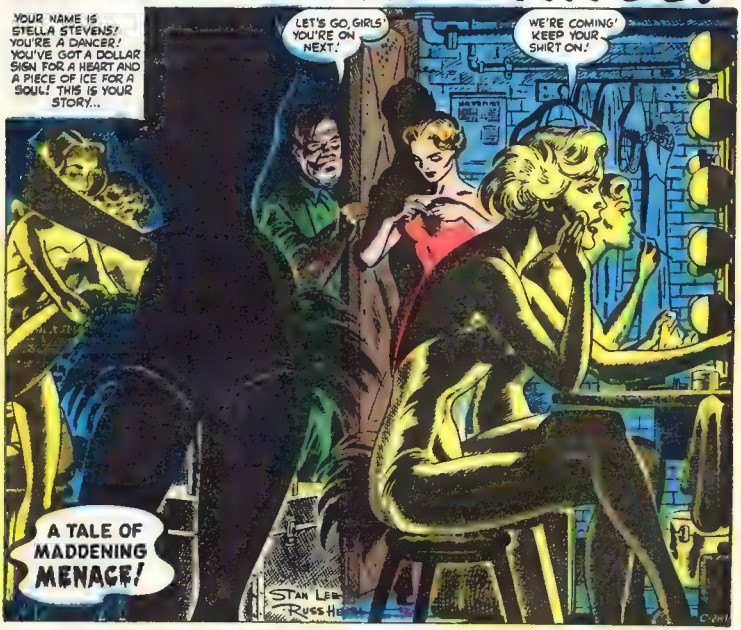
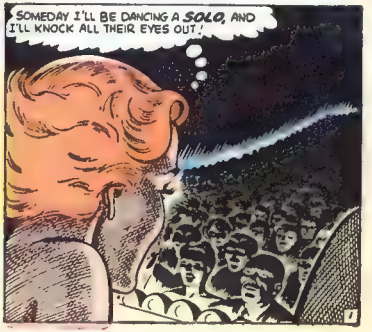

YOUR NAME IS STELLA STEVENS! YOU'RE A DANCER! YOU'VE GOT A DOLLAR SIGN FOR A HEART AND A PIECE OF ICE FOR A SOUL! THIS IS YOUR STORY...
LET'S GO, GIRLS! YOU'RE ON NEXT!
WE'RE COMING! KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON!
A TALE OF MADDENING MENACE!
STAN LEE
RUSS HEATH

AS YOU DANCE ON STAGE WITH THE OTHER GIRLS OF THE CHORUS, YOU THINK YOUR USUAL BITTER THOUGHTS...

YOU LOOK OUT OVER THE AUDIENCE ..THERE THEY SIT LIKE POMPOUS JUDGES...WHILE YOU KNOCK YOURSELF OUT TO AMUSE THEM!



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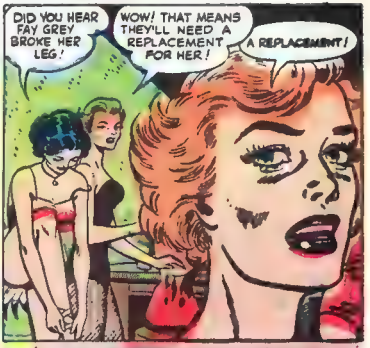
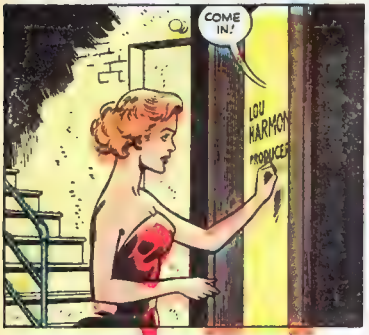
AND THEN YOU HEAR THE GOOD NEWS...



BEFORE ANY OF THE OTHER GIRLS CAN MAKE A MOVE, YOU'RE ON THE WAY TO MR. HARMON'S OFFICE...

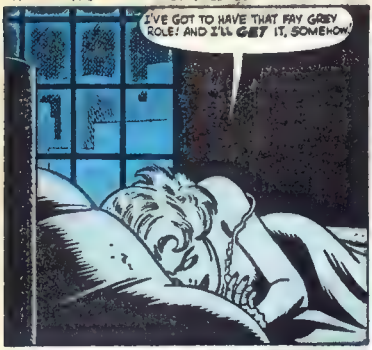


SORRY, STELLA, I CAN'T GIVE THAT ROLE TO ANYONE WITHOUT AN AUDITION! I'M HOLDING AUDITIONS TOMORROW!
BUT YOU'VE KNOWN ME SO LONG! CAN'T YOU TAKE A CHANCE ON ME?

NO I CAN'T BECAUSE I'VE KNOWN YOU TOO LONG! I KNOW YOU'RE A LIAR A TROUBLEMAKER AND A COMPLETELY SELFISH FEMALE! THIS IS TOO GOOD A ROLE TO WASTE ON SOMEONE LIKE YOU!

YOU STORM OUT OF THE OFFICE LIKE A TIGRESS! YOU'RE TOO ANGRY TO SPEAK! AND THEN, AS IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT ENOUGH TROUBLE, YOU HEAR...
STELLA! IT'S ME... JACK!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WHAT DO I WANT? GOOD LORD... DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?
SURE, YOU'RE JACK WATERS! SO WHAT?
STELLA, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HOW I WENT TO PRISON FOR YOU? WHEN YOU STOLE THAT NECKLACE, I TOOK THE BLAME, BECAUSE I LOVED YOU! NOW I'VE COME BACK TO YOU!
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAVED YOURSELF THE TROUBLE! DO YOU THINK I GO OUT WITH JAILBIRDS?
BUT I GAVE UP 3 YEARS OF MY LIFE IN PRISON FOR YOU! DOESN'T THAT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?
YES...IT MEANS YOU'RE A FOOL!
NOW LEAVE ME ALONE! I'M BUSY!
I'LL KILL MYSELF WITHOUT YOU!
O.K.... BUT DON'T MAKE IT TOO MESSY!
I WISH I COULD GET RID OF ALL MY PROBLEMS AS EASY AS THAT!
BAM

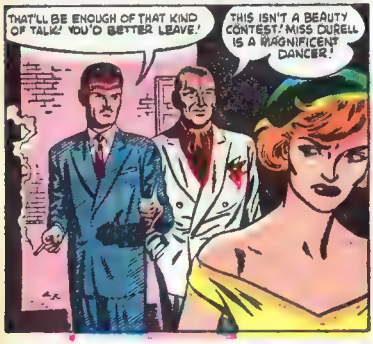
THAT NIGHT, AS YOU GO TO BED, ALL YOU CAN THINK OF IS...



AND, THE NEXT MORNING...

STELLA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
CASTING OFFICE
YOU'VE GOTTA GIVE ME A CHANCE TO AUDITION FOR YOUR SHOW MR. HARMON... I...
SORRY, STELLA, I'VE ALREADY HIRED THIS YOUNG LADY!

LOOKING AT THAT PLAIN-LOOKING LITTLE DANCER MAKES YOUR BLOOD BOIL...THE JOB SHOULD BE YOURS, NOT HERS!



OUTSIDE AGAIN. YOUR BRAIN MOVES FAST AS LIGHTNING...YOU'R NOT GOING TO LET THAT LITTLE WITCH TAKE YOUR ROLE!

AN HOUR LATER...
MISS DURELL!
YES?
THIS IS A GUN IN MY HANDBAG! YOU'D BETTER COME WITH ME IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE!
ALL RIGHT!
YOU TAKE HER TO YOUR APARTMENT! THEN YOU POINT YOUR REVOLVER AT HER...
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU SHORT AND SWEET! I WANT YOUR ROLE IN HARMON'S SHOW! I WANT YOU TO RESIGN!
OH!
WHY DO YOU WANT THE ROLE SO BADLY?
BECAUSE I LOVE TO DANCE! AND I'D BE A LOT BETTER THAN A WITCH LIKE YOU!
VERY WELL THEN...YOU'LL GET YOUR WISH...YOU'LL DANCE AS NO HUMAN BEING EVER DANCED BEFORE!
AND MONA DURELL IS RIGHT! BECAUSE THEN AND THERE YOU BEGIN TO DANCE AS YOU'VE NEVER DANCED BEFORE...
AND YOU KEEP DANCING... ALTHOUGH YOU'RE EXHAUSTED AND YOU WANT TO STOP...BUT YOU CAN'T STOP!
AND YOU KEEP DANCING... ALTHOUGH DAYS GO BY AND YOU LOSE POUNDS OF WEIGHT...
AND YOU KEEP DANCING... ALTHOUGH YOU KNOW NOW THAT YOU MADE THE GREATEST MISTAKE IN YOUR LIFE...
...BEFORE CALLING A GIRL A WITCH, YOU SHOULD HAVE CHECKED TO MAKE SURE SHE WASN'T!
TAKE YOUR TIME, STELLA... YOU'VE GOT ALL ETERNITY TO DANCE THERE!
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